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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. To the undersigned knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached. Copies of the U.S. patent publications are not enclosed.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached list.

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1. EP 0 001 066 - An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language Abstract, submitted herewith.

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2. EP 0 132 228 - This document is believed to be a foreign language counterpart to U.S. Patent No. 4,546,126, submitted herewith.
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Additionally, Applicants would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending applications, which the Examiner might consider to relate to similar subject matter:

1. **Title:** Kaolin Pigment Products
By: David O. Cummings et al.
Filed: July 18, 2002
Application No.: 10/077,936 (now abandoned)
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2. **Title:** Kaolin Pigment Products
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Attorney Docket No.: 07810.0095-01
3. **Title:** Hyperplaty Clays and Their Use in Paper Coating and Filling, Methods for Making Same, and Paper Products Having Improved Brightness
By: J. Philip E. Jones et al.
Filed: March 23, 2005
Application No.: 11/086,575
Attorney Docket No.: 07810.0107-01

4. **Title:** Hyperplaty Clays and Their Use in Paper Coating and Filling, Methods for Making Same, and Paper Products Having Improved Brightness
By: J. Philip E. Jones et al.
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By: J. Philip E. Jones et al.
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6. **Title:** Kaolin Clay Pigments Suited to Rotogravure Printing Applications and Method For Preparing the Same
By: Christopher R. L. Golley et al.
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8. **Title:** Kaolin Products and Their Production
By: Jones et al.
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